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Air Resources Board

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February 24, 2004

Dear Interested Parties:

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss the development of proposed modifications to the consumer products regulations. These proposed modifications are consistent with ARB's State Implementation Plan for Ozone and are necessary to help California meet its commitment to attain ambient air quality standards. At this workshop we will discuss staff's proposed regulatory language modifications and proposed new volatile organic compound (VOC) limits for specific categories of consumer products. We will provide you with background information, receive questions, and welcome your comments on our proposals. Approximately one week prior to the workshop, we plan to post a "strike-out/underline" version of the consumer products regulation on our website (see address below) which will contain all proposed modified language and new VOC limits. We are asking that any written comments regarding topics discussed at the public workshop be submitted to ARB staff by March 24, 2004.

The workshop will be held at the time and location shown below:

Workshop Date: March 11, 2004
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PST)
Location: Sierra Hearing Room

Cal EPA Headquarters Building

1001 | Street

Sacramento, California

For interested parties unable to attend the workshop in person, we will be offering an internet webcast of the meeting. To access the webcast, log in to the following web address, http://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/cal_wbcst.php. For those persons wishing to provide comments or questions remotely during the webcast, an email address to do so will be provided by staff at the beginning of the workshop.

You can find additional information on the workshop, staff's latest proposal for modifications to the consumer products regulations, and the staff's workshop presentation at the website http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/regact/cprwg/cprwg.htm. This website will be updated regularly with information pertinent to this workshop. Attendees should check this website prior to attending to keep updated on substantive information about this workshop.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: http://www.arb.ca.gov.

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If you wish to receive e-mail notification of updates on the workshop and ARB's Consumer Products Program, please register for our Consumer Products list serve at http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/consumer-products/consumer-products.htm.

If you have any questions about the workshop or need additional information, please call Mr. David Mallory, Manager, Measures Development Section, at (916) 445-8316 or e-mail him at dmallory@arb.ca.gov. TTY/TDD/Speech/to/Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service. To obtain a copy of this document in an alternative format or if you have special accommodation needs, please contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916.

Sincerely,

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